

1997

FORM
D-410
(REV. 10-97)

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

**APPLICATION FOR AUTOMATIC SIX - MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE STATE INCOME AND GIFT TAX RETURN**
(See back for filing instructions. Be sure to complete all items.)

Please Type or Print	Your first name and initial	Last Name	Your social security number
	If joint return, spouse's first name and initial	Last Name	Spouse's social security number
	Present home address (number, street, and apt. no. or rural route)		
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code		County

Important: File this form with the North Carolina Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 25000, Raleigh, N. C. 27640-0640 by the due date for filing your return. This is not an extension of time to pay your tax.

I hereby apply for an automatic extension of time until October 15, 1998 in which to file the following tax return(s) for calendar year 1997 (or if a fiscal year return, an extension to _____, 19_____, for the tax year ending _____, 19_____):

- Individual, Form D-400 Partnership, Form D-403 Estates and Trusts, Form D-407 Gift, Form G-600

Note: If this form is being filed only to extend the time for filing a gift tax return, Form G-600, skip lines 1 through 3 and complete lines 4 and 5.

1. Total income tax liability for 1997. This is the amount you expect to enter on line 12 of Form D-400; line 10 of Form D-403; or line 8 of Form D-407. If you do not expect to owe tax, enter zero (-0-)	1		00
<i>Caution: You MUST enter an amount on line 1 or your extension will be denied. You can estimate this amount, but be as exact as you can with the information you have. If we later find that your estimate was not reasonable, the extension will be null and void.</i>			
2. Total payments for 1997 (See the instructions)	2		00
3. Balance Due (Subtract line 2 from line 1.) If line 2 is more than line 1, enter zero (-0-)	3		00
(FOR GIFT TAX ONLY)			
Only complete line 4 and line 5a (and 5b if applicable) if you are applying for an extension of time to file a gift tax return. Do not include income tax on these lines. (See the instructions.)			
4. If you or your spouse expect to file a gift tax return (Form G-600) for 1997, generally due by April 15, 1998, see the instructions and check here	} Yourself . . <input type="checkbox"/> } Spouse . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
5a. Enter the amount of gift tax that you are paying with this form	5a		00
b. Enter the amount of gift tax that your spouse is paying with this form	5b		00

Signature and Verification

Under penalties prescribed by law, I hereby affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief this return, including any accompanying schedules and statements, is true and complete; and, if prepared by a person other than taxpayer, his affirmation is based on all information of which he has any knowledge.

Signature of taxpayer ► _____ Date ► _____

Signature of spouse ► _____ Date ► _____
(If filing jointly, BOTH must sign even if only one had income)

Signature of preparer other than taxpayer ► _____ Date ► _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose

Use Form D-410 to ask for 6 more months to file the following North Carolina tax returns: Individual, Form D-400; Partnership, Form D-403; Estates and Trusts, Form D-407; or Gift, Form G-600. Note: Even if you do not expect to owe additional tax, you must still apply for an extension and file the return by the extended due date for the return to be considered timely filed. You do not have to explain why you are asking for the extension. We will contact you only if your request is denied.

To receive the extra time you MUST:

1. Properly estimate your 1997 tax liability using the information available to you,
2. Enter your tax liability on line 1 of Form D-410, AND
3. File Form D-410 by the regular due date of your tax return.

You are not required to send a payment of the tax you estimate as due. However, because an extension of time to file the return does not extend the time for paying the tax, it will benefit you to pay as much as you can.

If you already had 2 extra months to file because you were "out of the country" (explained later) when your return was due, then use this form to ask for an additional 4 months to file.

In lieu of filing Form D-410, an automatic 6-month extension of time to file your State income or gift tax return will be granted if you file Federal Form 4868 (Federal Form 8736 for Partnership Returns and Forms 8736 or 2758 for Estates and Trusts Returns), Application for Automatic Extension of Time, with the Internal Revenue Service, provided you submit a copy of the completed Form 4868 by the original due date of the return. When filing a copy of Form 4868 in lieu of Form D-410, you must clearly state that the form is for North Carolina; mark through the federal amounts shown on the form; and enter the applicable amounts for North Carolina.

Because North Carolina's automatic extension is for 6 months instead of 4 months as allowed for federal purposes, you are not required to apply for an additional 2 month extension or submit a copy of the application for an additional 2 month extension that you filed with the Internal Revenue Service because you are unable to file your return within the additional 4 months granted automatically for federal purposes.

Filing Your Tax Return

You may file the income or gift tax return at any time before the extended due date. But remember, Form D-410 does not

extend the time to pay the tax. If you do not pay the amount due by the original due date, you will owe interest. You may also be charged penalties.

Interest. • You will owe interest on tax not paid by the original due date of the return. Even if you had a good reason not to pay on time, you will still owe interest.

Late Payment Penalty. • The late payment penalty is 10 percent (minimum \$5) of the tax not paid by the regular due date of the return. The penalty will apply on any remaining balance due if the tax paid by the regular due date of the return is less than 90 percent of the total amount of tax due. If the 90 percent rule is met, any remaining balance due, including interest, must be paid with the income tax return on or before the expiration of the extension period to avoid the late payment penalty.

Late Filing Penalty. • A penalty is usually charged if your return is filed after the due date (including extensions). It is 5 percent of the tax not paid by the due date for each month, or part of a month that your return is late (minimum \$5, maximum 25 percent).

If you do not file the application for extension by the original due date of the return, you are subject to both the 5 percent per month late filing penalty and the 10 percent late payment penalty on the remaining tax due.

Invalid Extensions. • If the extension is determined invalid, both the late filing and the late payment penalties will apply. An extension is considered invalid if the amount entered on the extension form as the tax expected to be due is not properly estimated. In determining whether the amount reflected as tax due on the application is properly estimated, all facts and circumstances, including the amount of tax due in prior years, whether substantial underpayments have been made in other years, and whether an individual made a bona fide and reasonable attempt to locate, gather, and consult information, must be considered.

How To Claim Credit For Payments Made With This Form.

• When you file your return, include the amount paid with this extension on line 14b of Form D-400. If you and your spouse each file a separate Form D-410, but later filed a joint return for 1997, enter the total paid with the two forms D-410 on 14b of your joint return.

If you and your spouse jointly filed Form D-410, but later file separate returns for 1997, you may enter the total amount paid with Form D-410 on either of your separate returns. Or, you and your spouse may divide the payment in any agreed amounts. Be sure each separate return has the social security numbers of both spouses.

If this extension request is filed to

extend the time in which to file a partnership return, enter the amount paid on line 11a of Form D-403. If the extension request is for an estates and trusts return, enter the amount paid on line 11a of Form D-407.

Specific Instructions

Name, Address, and Social Security Numbers. • Enter your name, address, social security number, and your spouse's name and social security number if filing a joint return.

Out of the Country. • If you already had 2 extra months to file because you were a U. S. citizen or resident and were out of the country on the due date of your return, write "Taxpayer Abroad" across the top of this form. For this purpose, "Out of the Country" means either (1) you live outside the United States and Puerto Rico, AND your main place of work is outside the United States and Puerto Rico, or (2) you are in military or naval service outside the United States or Puerto Rico.

Line 2. • Enter on this line any North Carolina income tax withheld, 1997 estimated tax payments (including any 1996 overpayment applied to 1997) and any other payments and credits you expect to show on your return.

Line 4. • If you or your spouse are also using the extra 6 months to file a 1997 gift tax return, check whichever box applies on line 4. However, if your spouse files a separate Form D-410 (or Federal Form 4868), do not check the box for your spouse.

Lines 5a and 5b. • Enter the amount of gift tax you (or your spouse) expect to owe on these lines. If your spouse files a separate Form D-410 (or Federal Form 4868), enter on your form only the total gift tax you expect to owe.

Your Signature. • This form must be signed. If you plan to file a joint return, both of you must sign. If there is a good reason why one of you cannot, then the other spouse may sign for both. Attach an explanation why the other spouse cannot sign.

Others Who Can Sign For You. • Anyone with a power of attorney can sign. But the following can sign for you without a power of attorney:

- Attorneys, CPAs, and enrolled agents, or
- A person in close personal or business relationship to you who is signing because you cannot. There must be a good reason why you cannot sign, such as illness or absence. Attach an explanation to the form.

Important: Do not use this form to request extensions of time for filing corporate income or franchise tax returns.